



ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION

OCTOBER 1, 2001
12:15 P.M.

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER

AGENDA FOR THE COUNCIL

- 1. Call to Order--Roll Call.** (Council Member Harris was absent when the vote was recorded on the three Closed Sessions.)

A report of the City Attorney requesting that Council convene in Closed Session to consult with legal counsel on a matter of probable litigation, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711.A.7, Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

(Approved 6-0)

File #83-132

THE MEETING WAS DECLARED IN RECESS FOLLOWING THE CITY ATTORNEY'S CLOSED SESSION TO BE IMMEDIATELY RECONVENED AT 12:35 P.M. IN THE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM, ROOM 159, FOR TWO BRIEFINGS BY THE CITY MANAGER.

A communication from Council Member C. Nelson Harris, Chair, City Council's Personnel Committee, requesting that Council meet in Closed Session to discuss appointment of a new Municipal Auditor, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711.A.1, Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

(Approved 6-0)

File #132-280

A communication from Mayor Ralph K. Smith requesting that Council meet in Closed Session to discuss a special award, i.e.: 2001 Citizen of the Year, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711.A.10, Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

(Approved 6-0)

File #110-132

800 Mhz Trunking System Intergovernmental Agreement Briefing. 20 minutes.

Received and filed.

File #5-262-301-472

Housing Update Briefing. 10 minutes.

Received and filed.

File #178

THE MEETING WAS DECLARED IN RECESS AT 1:55 P.M. TO BE RECONVENED AT 2:00 P.M., IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER.



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2:00 P.M.***

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AGENDA FOR THE COUNCIL

1. Call to Order--Roll Call. (All present)

The Invocation was delivered by The Reverend James P. Beatty, Pastor, Bethel AME Church, Cave Spring.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Mayor Ralph K. Smith.

Welcome. Mayor Smith.

NOTICE:

Meetings of Roanoke City Council are televised live on RVTN Channel 3. Today's meeting will be replayed on Channel 3 on Thursday, October 4, 2001, at 7:00 p.m., and Saturday, October 6, 2001, at 4:00 p.m. Council meetings are now being offered with closed captioning for the hearing impaired.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

THE PUBLIC IS ADVISED THAT MEMBERS OF COUNCIL RECEIVE THE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA AND RELATED COMMUNICATIONS, REPORTS, ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS, ETC., ON THE THURSDAY PRIOR TO THE COUNCIL MEETING TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT TIME FOR REVIEW OF INFORMATION. CITIZENS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN OBTAINING A COPY OF ANY ITEM LISTED ON THE AGENDA MAY CONTACT THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE, ROOM 456, NOEL C. TAYLOR MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 215 CHURCH AVENUE, S. W., OR CALL 853-2541.

THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE NOW PROVIDES THE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA PACKAGE ON THE INTERNET FOR VIEWING AND RESEARCH PURPOSES. TO ACCESS THE AGENDA MATERIAL, GO TO THE CITY'S HOMEPAGE AT www.roanokegov.com, CLICK ON THE ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL ICON, CLICK ON MEETINGS AND AGENDAS, AND DOWNLOAD THE ADOBE ACROBAT SOFTWARE TO ACCESS THE AGENDA.

ALL PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL ARE REQUESTED TO REGISTER WITH THE STAFF ASSISTANT WHO IS LOCATED AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE COUNCIL CHAMBER. ON THE SAME AGENDA ITEM, ONE TO FOUR SPEAKERS WILL BE ALLOTTED FIVE MINUTES EACH, HOWEVER, IF THERE ARE MORE THAN FOUR SPEAKERS, EACH SPEAKER WILL BE ALLOTTED THREE MINUTES.

ANY PERSON WHO IS INTERESTED IN SERVING ON A CITY COUNCIL APPOINTED AUTHORITY, BOARD, COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE IS REQUESTED TO CONTACT THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE AT 853-2541 TO OBTAIN AN APPLICATION.

PRESENTATIONS:

Proclamation declaring September 30 - October 6, 2001, as Mental Illness Awareness Week.

File #3-314

Proclamation declaring the month of October, 2001, as United Against Hate Month.

File #3

Proclamation declaring October 7 - 13, 2001, as Fire Prevention Week.

File #3-70

Proclamation declaring October 11, 2001, as Lights on Afterschool! Day.

File #3-467

2.

CONSENT AGENDA

(APPROVED 7-0)

ALL MATTERS LISTED UNDER THE CONSENT AGENDA ARE CONSIDERED TO BE ROUTINE BY THE MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL AND WILL BE ENACTED BY ONE MOTION. THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION OF THE ITEMS. IF DISCUSSION IS DESIRED, THE ITEM WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA AND CONSIDERED SEPARATELY.

- C-1 A communication from Mayor Ralph K. Smith requesting that Council convene in Closed Session to discuss personnel matters, specifically interviews for appointments to the Architectural Review Board and the Industrial Development Authority, pursuant to Section 2.2.-3711.A.1, Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Concur in request.

File #110-132

- C-2 A communication from the City Manager requesting that Council schedule a public hearing for Thursday, October 18, 2001, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard with regard to abandonment of a permanent utility easement - Times World Corporation.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Concur in request.

File #28-227

- C-3 A communication from Council Member C. Nelson Harris transmitting a proposal for Council's consideration with regard to recognizing the location of past historic buildings in the central downtown Roanoke area.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Concur in request to forward \$25,000.00 to
2002-03 budget study.

File #32-132-216-277

- C-4 Qualification of Troy Andrew Harmon as Acting Municipal Auditor, effective at 12:01 a.m., on September 28, 2001.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file.

File #280

REGULAR AGENDA

3. HEARING OF CITIZENS UPON PUBLIC MATTERS:

- a. Request to address Council with regard to renaming Elmwood Park in honor of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. E. Duane Howard, Spokesperson.

Received and filed.

File #67-80

- b. Request to address Council with regard to fire stations. Evelyn D. Bethel, Spokesperson.

Received and filed.

File #70

4. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

- a. A communication from George J. A. Clemo, Attorney, transmitting measures for VPSA Interest Rate Subsidy Bond Financing for Fairview Elementary School and Fishburn Park Elementary School.

Adopted Resolution No. 35591-100101 and Resolution No. 35592-100101. (7-0)
File #53-467

5. REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

- a. CITY MANAGER:

BRIEFINGS:

- 1. Fair Housing Board Update. 10 minutes.

Received and filed.
File #110-178

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION:

- 2. A communication with regard to amendment to the Regional 800 Mhz Trunking System Intergovernmental Agreement.

Adopted Ordinance No. 35593-100101. (7-0)
File #5-262-301-472

- 3. A communication with regard to the Sister Cities Sculpture Project.

Adopted Ordinance No. 35594-100101. (7-0)
File #110-249-311-327

4. A communication with regard to contract awards for the Crystal Spring Water Treatment Filtration Plant.

Adopted Ordinance No. 35595-100101, Resolution No. 35596-100101, Budget Ordinance No. 35597-100101, and Resolution No. 35598-100101. (7-0)
File #27-468

5. A communication recommending that the City Manager be authorized to enter into a contract with U. S. Cellular for continued use of Stop Abuse From Existing (SAFE) Program cell phones and service for a period of one year.

Adopted Resolution No. 35599-100101. (7-0)
File #291-383

6. A communication recommending that the City Manager be authorized to enter into a contract with the Roanoke Foundation for Downtown, Inc., to allow for construction of a utility building at the Roanoke Centre for Industry and Technology in furtherance of the Police Mounted Patrol Unit; and acceptance of the building by the City upon completion.

Adopted Ordinance No. 35600-100101. (7-0)
File #5-277

7. A communication recommending adoption of a resolution in support of the Master Plan of the cultural institutions of the Roanoke Valley.

Adopted Resolution No. 35601-100101. (7-0)
File #230

b. DIRECTOR OF FINANCE:

1. Financial report for the month of August, 2001.

Received and filed.
File #1-10

6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: NONE.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE.

8. INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: NONE.

9. MOTIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

- a. Inquiries and/or comments by the Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Members of City Council.

Council Member Wyatt inquired about the status of the City's annual Affirmative Action report.

File #411

Council Member White requested information with regard to the City's record of purchasing goods and services under \$15,000.00 from small/minority businesses.

File #360-411-497

The Mayor inquired if an audit of the records and affairs of the Roanoke City School Board has been performed pursuant to action taken by Council on Monday, September 17, 2001; whereupon, the Acting Municipal Auditor advised that a meeting has been scheduled for some time within the next two weeks.

File #10-280-467

- b. Vacancies on various authorities, boards, commissions and committees appointed by Council.

10. OTHER HEARING OF CITIZENS UPON PUBLIC MATTERS:

CITY COUNCIL SETS THIS TIME AS A PRIORITY FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD. IT IS A TIME FOR CITIZENS TO SPEAK AND A TIME FOR COUNCIL TO LISTEN. MATTERS REQUIRING REFERRAL TO THE CITY MANAGER WILL BE REFERRED IMMEDIATELY FOR ANY NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE RESPONSE, RECOMMENDATION OR REPORT TO COUNCIL.

Mr. Bob Caudle, 4231 Belford Street, S. W., read a prepared statement in opposition to renaming Elmwood Park in honor of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

File #67-80

Ms. Helen E. Davis, 35 Patton Avenue, N. E., raised questions and expressed concerns with regard to the City's procedure for solid waste collection.

File #66-144

Ms. Evelyn D. Bethel, 35 Patton Avenue, N. E., addressed Council with regard to communications with citizens and issues of accountability.

File #66-132

The Council meeting was declared in recess for three closed sessions.

Council Member White left the meeting.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION. (6-0)

S. Deborah Olyer and William L. Bova were reappointed as members of the Industrial Development Authority for terms ending October 20, 2005.

File #15-207

THE MEETING WAS DECLARED IN RECESS UNTIL WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2001, AT 9:00 A.M., AT APPLE RIDGE FARM, 9230 PINE FOREST ROAD, N. E., COPPER HILL, VIRGINIA, AT WHICH TIME COUNCIL WILL HOLD A PLANNING RETREAT.